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"SUPERSTITIOUS CHINA."

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Nearly all merchandise in China is carried by water, as there are few other highways. The interior commercial capital of the province of Sechuan, called Chungking, is set upon high ground overlooking two rivers. This province has eighty million inhabitants, and adjoins Thibet, at the head of the Yangtze river. We see the gates of the city, and then the public laundries, where the Chinese use the primitive method of beating the clothes against the rocks. We see a public lamentation over a death. The Chinese not only mourn their dead but worship their spirits. White is the mourning color. We see the ancient and universal "Feast of All Souls" being celebrated in the city of Chungking. The Chinese believe that everything in nature, whether animate or inanimate, possesses a soul. Therefore they burn quantities of paper money on that day, so that the souls of the dead may be supplied with the soul of the money. The American Consulate strikes a modern note. We see a rich man being carried in a Sedan chair through the streets.

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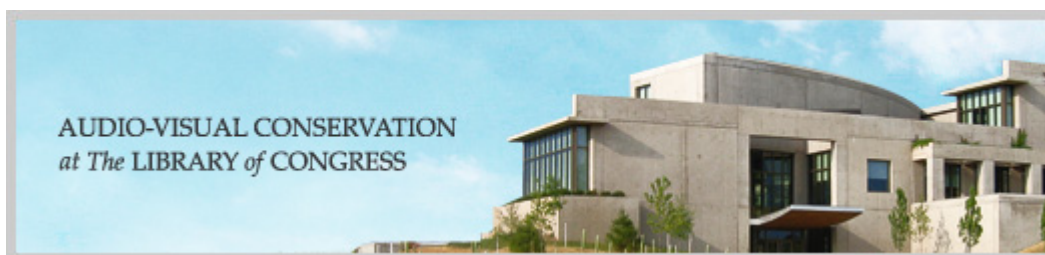
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